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BOOK REVIEWS.

BOUVIER'S LAW DICTIONARY. By John Bouvier. Rawle's Third Revision. By Francis Rawle, of the Philadelphia Bar. Three volumes, pp. xix and 3504. St. Paul: West Publishing Company, 1914.

Bouvier's Dictionary has, since its first appearance, been a very useful book. Though it does not contain the minuteness of definition which ordinarily constitutes a dictionary *per se*, this disadvantage is more than offset by the fact that under each title there is a concise summary of the law upon that subject. The result is a great saving of time; when an unfamiliar term arises, the lawyer need only turn to his "Bouvier" where he finds not only a definition of the term but an outline of the law. These statements of the law, though they contain little theoretical discussion, comprise the leading principles of the law upon the point in question, supported by the chief authorities, both from the decisions and the text-books. In addition, for those engaged in research, the dictionary includes the translation and explanation of a great number of Latin and Old French words and phrases. The present edition is of the same type as the earlier editions, and the book has been brought up to date on all points. Two new features are worthy of note. This edition of the work appears in three volumes—instead of two as formerly—and is printed on Bible paper. Both of the changes increase the efficiency of the book as it is easier to handle and occupies less space on the shelves. On the whole the new edition is to be recommended as of practical value to every lawyer.

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OUTLINES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. By Charles H. Stockton, Rear Admiral, U. S. N., retired. Pp. xvii and 616. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1914.

The title indicates that what is attempted is an outline of International Law. Accordingly we have an abbreviated, but clear, statement of the leading definitions, rules and doctrines of that subject with some account of their history and development. The foot-notes are limited, and there is but slight reference to adjudicated cases, but, at the end of each chapter, under the heading "Topics and References", texts are cited for the principal matters discussed and views advanced. Of the twenty-nine chapters which make up the book, three are "Introductory", six deal with "States in International Law", seven with Intercourse of States in Time of Peace", six with "War Relations of Belligerents" and seven with "Relations Between Belligerents and Neutrals". A very considerable part of the other chapters, and perhaps the main part of the last seven, is made up of extracts from the Conventions of the Hague and the Declaration of London, which are quoted and set out by sections at great length. As these same documents are printed in full in the Appendix, there results a marked duplication and sometimes triplication of the same matter. Perhaps it is unavoidable, but, if it could be avoided, even at a slight sacrifice, it would secure a desirable economy.

The few cases referred to are often cited from selections or compilations and not from the judicial reports, a practice which has the inconveniences of in no way intimating the date of the decision or the judges participating. Sometimes the citations are a little negligent as, at the foot of page 262, where a case is cited as in Scott's Cases, p. 42, whereas it is, in fact, found at page 422. Not unfrequently, too, a case is mentioned with no citation. As illustrating the limitations the author has imposed on himself in the matter of authorities, it may be mentioned that Professor Hershey's "*Essentials of International Public Law*", published in 1912, and in scope and size much like the present work, but having fewer pages, prints a list of authorities consulted of twenty-eight pages and a table of "cases cited" of seven pages, whereas the "List of authorities consulted" in the present work covers but a trifle over five pages and there is no list of cases whatever.

The author has a right to complain of his proof reader as small errors are numerous and, if not important, at least annoying. Thus, at page 89